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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/799,554  
Inventor: Rimmel, et al.  
Title: Method of Making a Semiconductor Device, and Semiconductor Device  
Made Thereby  
Attorney Docket No.: 0139376

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For: METHOD OF MAKING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, AND  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2004 relating to the above-identified patent application. Please reconsider the patent application in view of the election and remarks presented hereinafter, which are submitted as a full and complete response to the aforementioned Office Action.

Claims 26-31 are elected herein with traverse.